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# Brianna Vassermiller



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**Brianna Vassermiller**, also known as **The Scarlet Sorceress** and **लाल रोष** ( The Red Fury ) by the Haaki people, was a was a mage and semi-mythical figure in [Ebbing folklore](#), co-founder of the legendary group known as the Hansa of Ebbing together with witcher [Cervin](#), she was also key to the defeat of the Haaki Invasion of 1350.

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## Biography

### Early life

Brianna, in her youth, was a very idealistic and dreamy person. Something that, she kept for a long time, even in the most difficult times. This made her decide that she wanted to put an end to the corruption that plagued Ebbing at an early age, more precisely at the age of 14. Spending two years convincing her grandfather, who, when she turned 16, paid the expensive tuition at the **Imperial Magic Academy**. Giving Brianna the opportunity to become a wise and powerful person who could end Ebbing's problems.

This meant that the crown eventually went to her younger sister, Thesa Vassermiller. Brianna became her advisor for a time.

### Time at the Imperial Magic Academy ( 1265 - 1275 )

During her time studying at the academy, Brianna would meet Zeus Burkhan Khaldun, son of the Great Khan of Haakland (who would eventually inherit the title) who had been sent to study in the empire after he was expelled from **Zerrikania**, as he was not allowed to continue his studies, for unknown reasons (it is speculated that it was due to his use of or interest in forbidden magics) starting a romantic relationship ( after an unpleasant experience with an ofieri sorceress who was present at the academy ) that would last a decade, which would quickly turn toxic and abusive on the part of the sorcerer.

Despite all that, the relationship would be strongly supported by the Vassermiller family because of all the business and wealth they could gain from exporting Haakland materials much more cheaply and thus competing with the Redanian merchants who exported, among other things, silk from there. Recalling to some extent what happened to **Iris Von Everec** and her family, and the ofieri prince **Sirvat**.

<b>Born</b>	12th November, 1249
<b>Status</b>	Dead
<b>Died</b>	Somewhere between 1355 and 1373
<b>Physical Description</b>	
<b>Race</b>	Human
<b>Gender</b>	Female
<b>Hair</b>	Redhead
<b>Eyes</b>	Greyish blue
<b>Skin</b>	Pale
<b>Political Information</b>	
<b>Profession</b>	Mage Gladiatrix ( indirectly )
<b>Titles</b>	Duchess of Neveugen
<b>Affiliation</b>	Hansa of Ebbing House Vassermiller Imperial Magic Academy Haaki Royal House House Van Der Ermius Ebbing exiles Northen Front Nefandi ( Rumored )
<b>Alias(es)</b>	The Scarlet Sorceress Bri The Red Fury ( by the Haaki people )
<b>Nationality</b>	Ebbinger
<b>Relationships</b>	
<b>Father</b>	King Joan Louise Vassermiller
<b>Mother</b>	Countess Rosalind Toricella
<b>Sibling(s)</b>	Thesa Vassermiller ( Younger sister )
<b>Lover(s)</b>	Unnamed female ofieri sorceress ( Shortly before meeting Zeus ) ( One time lover ) Zeus Burkhan Khaldun ( Boyfriend ) August Van Der Ermius ( Domestic partner ) [ According to Nilfgaardian laws ] ( Husband ) [According to vampire customs ] Saov ( One time lover ) [ Rumored]
<b>Other</b>	Juan Pablo Vassermiller ( Grandfather ) Roegner Vassermiller ( Better known as Roegner of Ebbing ) ( Uncle ) Ciri ( Second cousin )

During this complicated period, at some point in her studies, thanks to Herna of Gemmeria, the works on Hemokinesis of the melukkan sorceress **Chamunda Randhawa** came into her hands. Which eventually, after years of study, would lead to her provocation of the diplomatic incident of 1275 between Nilfgaard and Haakland, being punished by fighting in the arena, meeting **Cervin** and founding the Hansa of Ebbing shortly afterwards.

## Ebbing confederation insurrection ( 1265 )

News of the insurrection eventually reached Brianna's ears. And it hit her hard, because of the loss of her grandfather, who had participated in it. Added to the pro-imperial atmosphere of the academy. This caused him to suffer from bullying for a while. Herna of Gemmeria took advantage of this time to get close to her and try to corrupt her, so that she could gain access to the top echelons of power in Ebbing, replacing her to carry out a coup d'état. Something that would not happen, but would serve to inspire the mixed sorceress to aspire to more.

This rapprochement between the two sorceresses, though not friends, did cause them to become relatively close figures, writing to each other and keeping in touch through a megascope for a time. This would, ironically, have a positive influence on Brianna in the long run.

## Diplomatic incident ( 1275 )

Because of her position among the imperial aristocracy. Brianna was able to quickly find work as a sorceress, acting as a counsellor in some provinces for a short time, while looking for a future husband for her younger sister, in order to create an alliance that would benefit Ebbing as much as possible.

In addition to her relationship with Zeus. This led to the Scarlet Sorceress rising to the top, rubbing shoulders with the Emperor and those closest to him, so during a diplomatic council between representatives of Nilfgaard and Haakland, she learned that her lover, the future Great Khan Zeus Burkhan Khaldun was cheating on her with several women. Enraged, she uses hemokinesis to hurt him. Injuring not only him, but everyone in the room. Because of this, she is was to be condemned to be burned alive, but thanks to her connections to the royal family of Ebbing, and **Emhyr Van Emreis'** concerns that her death would provoke another insurrection, like the one in 1265, she was given the opportunity to redeem herself for her crimes or die in the arena.

## The Nilfgaardian Arena

Unlike **Cervin**, who, due to his mutant status, spent a month fighting for his life in the arena. Brianna could have gone straight to being an employed gladiatrix in the final of that year's Imperial Gladiator Tournament. Bought by the family Aep Brelchlohn, to be used to support its major asset and thus win the tournament.

In the arena, they fought in a spectacle that would combine not only fights against other **gladiators**, some of them very well known, but also naval battles, fights against monsters, and fights on difficult terrain (like water), all this with the help of some sorcerers who made it possible due to the technical difficulties. With so much spectacle, due to the fact that it was not only the final, but also the presence of important figures such as the emperor himself, Emhyr var Emreis. Finally winning the 100th annual Nilfgaard gladiatorial tournament, taking the title of champions and buying their freedom with the prizes awarded.

Two statues were to be built in their honour. But Cervin's statue was lost over time, and only Brianna's statue was found during excavations in 1850.

## Traveling with Cervin

It is known, that once they both got out of being gladiators, they traveled together for a while. And it was during that period that they began to assemble what would become known as the Hansa of Ebbing.

There are hardly any stories and legends from this period, but on the other hand, its more

real impact can be ascertained. Since, during this same time in which both traveled together, events happened, such as the so-called "Purge of the Swamps". Which consisted of ending many problems of political corruption that plagued this region.

There are no records of who were the authors, who made those changes, which gave one of the Golden Ages that this territory of Nilfgaard had. But many speculate that it could have been these two semi-mythical figures in their beginnings as a group.

## Creating the Hansa of Ebbing

There are many versions of how this group, which would become part of people's collective mind, came into being. The only thing that the different tales agree on is the order in which their members joined.

The first ones being Brianna and Cervin. Followed by August a Higher Vampire, allegedly belonging to the Ammurun tribe although other versions, such as those of Gemmeria or Toussaint, give him a different origin, such as that he came from the Tdet. He was also duke, subordinate to the Vassermiller family with territories near the border with Maecht, dedicated to protecting it so that the small skirmishes that arose between this province of Metinna and Ebbing would not escalate. One of the most popular stories says that Brianna and Cervin met him during one of these skirmishes. While they were on their way to Tir Tochair to get the witcher a new steel sword, since the original one had been stolen. Shortly after, Aëte joined the group. After moving further into the interior of the province, and being ambushed by **Aen Woedde** that were being pursued by mercenaries hired by the corrupt elite of Ebbing to rob them of supposed mythical riches, such as the philosopher's stone, and being saved thanks to the fact that Brianna, knew the elf, since her teenage years.

Much later, from Tir Tochair. Some say on his own initiative, others say it was a contract offered by the leaders of one of the gnomish communes ( due to an alleged espionage and robbery by the dwarves of the Cianfanelli Clan ) who had hired a "monster", the group headed to Nazair more specifically, to its capital Nova Assengard ( city started to be built and founded a little further north of the old city that was destroyed during the conquest of Nilfgaard ) where they met the succubus known as Coshunee.

The three most popular versions say that he was causing a lot of trouble in the city, and that even before the anti-witcher edict was lifted, they let Cervin pass because of that. It is said, that he and August managed to convince her, and after that, she traveled with them and the other members. The other version is the one that relates everything to the supposed contract received in Tir Tochair and says that Coshunee was a spy sent by the dwarves with the intention of stealing the manufacturing methods of the gnomish swords to send them to Mahakam by order of the Cianfanelli and that the group caught her, but took pity on her and invited her to join. And the last one, the most used by the bards, is that of a supposed secret romance, which started between the witcher and her, which began in that city, after solving the problems he caused, and was supposedly only known to Brianna. With similar reasons to those of the second most known version. This version, however, has been discredited by most scholars of the myth, due to the popularity and presence of the character of **Runa** in other stories. Concluding that, it was something invented by the bards, just to give more drama to her death, due to the supposed evidence, of Bear's armor fabric, found in her tomb, during archaeological excavations.

The only thing that made scholars "take into account" this last version was that it explicitly mentions that Coshunee belonged to the subspecies of succubi with a more human appearance and not with the famous "goat's feet", just like succubi named **Vara**, which, in the end, turned out to be true.

The last to arrive was Elia Aep Bullogh a bard, of Ebbingian origin, who joined the group, in the year 1276, during their journey to **Vinland**. And being killed by **Erzsébet Bathory** the so-called "Red Duchess", becoming one of its latest victims. Her work was preserved, it is said, thanks to August, who sent copies of her compositions and lyrics to the Imperial Archives in Nilfgaard.

An accurate description of what it was like, was given by Putnam Pitch, during several of interviews he had after retiring as a teacher from the School of the Crane ( due to being one of the oldest known persons, only behind Adalwulf of Aedirn and some sorcerers ). Who met her in 1275, thus allowing songs as well known as The Eagle and the Cat (a ballad about the romance of Putnam and Tubiel) to be created.

Other notable works were The Blue Bears ( a song about Cervin ) which has served as one of the most reliable descriptions of the mutant. Followed by that of the poet Eurico de Jugo, also chronicler of Brianna's Sister's reign. All that glitters is not gold ( a ballad about Aëte ), and They won't move us (a children's song, about some kids who didn't want to get off a fishing boat in Ebbing) which became extremely popular, and for a long time, due to so many versions, it was considered anonymous.

Based on the ballads, some temporary members were Runa (although it is said that she was more attached to Cervin), Saov ( the rebel elf that Cervin met some time ago and with whom Brianna is said to have had an affair ), Svetlana ( a sorceress, who is said to have learned to wield the ability to stand between the world of the living and the dead. Although only a legend, there are records of her name, but not this ability) and on which, the histories that have lasted over time, do not agree, whether it was with the Hansa of Ebbing, only with Cervin or with both. And finally, Ekkeg, a rare Coral Troll turned into a slave, which the Hansa of Ebbing freed. Brought by Zangvebarian traders accompanied by his pet wombat to serve as cheap labor in the mines and a rarity to exhibit. The stories tell that everyone adopted him and took care of him, as if he were their little brother, until finally, he became a legendary trader, along with his exotic pet. Thus recovering the color of the corals he carried on his back. For many years, his existence was denied, until the bones of his pet were found in the ruins of Garden Tower, one of the known residences of the Scarlet Sorceress.

## Adventures with the Hansa

### The Red Duchess of Vinland ( 1276 )

The **Hansa of Ebbing's** adventures were many. But none of them, were so famous as their encounter with the Red Duchess of Vinland. A Nosferatu vampire, who had hidden in the nobility, as the wife of one of the dukes of Vinland, and who had murdered many people.

There are three versions of what happened:

The first one says that the **Hansa of Ebbing** was hired by a group of nobles, who were being persecuted by the duchess, to save a young woman who she was going to be killed.

The second one says that they were hired by a group of villagers who were being persecuted by the duchess, and that they saved a young woman who she was going to turn into a vampire ( **this is for sure, the false version, since, vampires are unable to convert others** )

The third one, is that they were hired by a group of villagers who were being persecuted by the duchess, and that they saved a young woman who she was going to be killed. But that this one was the bastard daughter of a nobleman and the only one who survived a massacre.

The three versions agree that after defeating the duchess and killing her, from that moment, they were considered heroes by the people of Vinland.

### The Ebbing Killer ( 1280 )

The Ebbing Killer is one of the least likely myths surrounding the Hansa to have occurred. It is said to have been a series of murders, which took place in the summer of that year. Which the Hansa of Ebbing investigated, due to the enormous number of deaths they left behind and accidentally led the group to travel to the distant land of Barsa. More specifically to Marad. There they discovered that the assassin had been sent by a group of rebels, with the intention of murdering nilfgaardian nobles who were summering in the province and thus weakening the power of the empire-occupied lands of Barsa and liberating them.

## The Malakian Curse ( 1285 )

Although there are records that there was, as such, an epidemic of people trapped in nightmares in Ebbing during those years. There are no records of how it was resolved.

Official sources say, by sorcerers sent by the emperor himself. But if we go to folklore, especially to myths and legends, the Hansa of Ebbing appears again, in another of its journeys. On this occasion, even crossing the sea, to reach the **Far South**. More specifically to the region of the **Free Lands** and in these, to the kingdom of **Malaki**.

According to this version of the story, we do have, as such, an origin of the curse. Since it would be a curse placed by the king of Malaki, after his daughter was raped by an Ebinger mage during her studies in the Nilfgaardian Empire. Enraged, he cast a curse, that by such humiliation of his daughter, he would plunge the whole of Nilfgaard into an eternal nightmare from which they would never awaken. That, as if it were a disease, would spread.

Then, the Hansa of Ebbing, for their services to the empire, performed five years earlier, would be sent there. There, they would confront the king, who would force them to help them with different problems their nation had in exchange for lifting the curse.

This can be verified, with Malakis sources. Although there, only the stories of Brianna in political intrigues and Cervin, under the name of **Fik** ( like in **Melukka** ) together with August ( depending on the story ) dealing with monsters such as the curse one known as Zahhak, the Urmen and the huge Aidakhar have survived.

## Death of Coshunee ( 1296 )

It was the first step in the gradual disappearance of the group. Although they had been together for a long time, by the end of the 13th century, they had been separated for a few months. Solving different issues of a more personal nature, this caused the succubus of the group to be pursued by a witcher (it is believed to be from the School of the Viper, although others speak of the **School of the Rat** or the **School of the Fox**) and was killed after a contract that was placed on her. So by the time the group tried to reunite, it was too late for her.

This affected them badly, causing a split, and a longer separation. With Aête and **Cervin** going on one side and Brianna and August on the other. Aête trying to stop Cervin from avenging her friend, and Brianna doing the same with August, who, for the first time in a long time, was enraged. Eventually, Cervin would find the person responsible, and along with other stories, this is said to be where his bad relationship with the Cats and the Vipers came from. Although the identity of the witcher who murdered her friend, and his school of belonging, has never been proven.

## Death of August ( 1311 )

In the year 1311, for unknown reasons, probably another Higher Vampire and as part of the vampire conflicts in Ebbing. August would be assassinated, this would cause the reduction of the Hansa of Ebbing to only three members, causing them to meet from time to time, but they were no longer as united as before.

Making the remnants of the Hansa of Ebbing move to live in the so-called Garden Tower, where Brianna remained there until the end of her days, dying shortly after the so-called The Great Demon Age in Ebbing. In some stories, it is said after committing suicide, falling prey to the control of Yrrheded after her studies in Goetia and Chasm Magic failed. While others say that he died at the hands of his battle brother, Cervin. Who, after several years, returned to the Continent and found himself in that situation, confronting her and also dying with her.

## Gaps in her story and rumours ( 1280 - 1285 / 1285 - 1296 / 1296 - 1311 )

Like any mythical or semi-mythical figure, there are years and moments in her history that are not recorded. This eventually gave way to theories, rumours, legends, etc...

The most important, and the one that attracts the most attention. Unpopular in Ebbing, but popular in "rival provinces" such as Gemmeria. It is during these gaps in Brianna's story that the Scarlet Sorceress joined the organisation known as the **Nefandi**. Many say that in order to gain more power and thus eradicate future corruption in Ebbing, while others say that, affected by the death of so many people close to her, whom she considered family, she decided to unite in order to protect those who remained of the Hansa. In any case, the truth can never be known.

Other, crazier rumours and legends suggest that Brianna spent some time travelling between worlds with her second cousin **Ciri**. Which would explain those gaps perfectly. Others, less positive, say that she was travelling between worlds, but to participate in the conflict the **Nefandi** had with the **Grigori**.

Going to some of those present in popular songs. They say that it was during one of these periods that Cervin would introduce Saov to Brianna, and romance ensued. According to some stories, it was secret, while others say it was already one given August's disappearance, though not his death.

Speaking of romances, those that speak of love affairs and love triangles between the different members are also to be taken into account. Since they were very popular, among several authors, in addition to appearing in The second volume of *Fairy Tales and Stories*. Although it is more likely that they were simply the exaggerations of bards, which were distorted by word of mouth and the passage of time.

## The Haaki Invasion ( 1350 )

One of the few records that allow us to verify the existence of the sorceress. Brianna suffered the Invasion the most, due to her previous relationship with the Great Khan. Like many others, she suffered the first defeats at the hands of the invaders. She was forced to protect her great-nephews and nieces and as many of Ebbing's people as she could, leading the refugees who would march to the North.

Eventually, with the improved chances of victory, Brianna would become a key part of the Council of Daevon. Which led to the Northern Front and the subsequent victory against the invaders. For more information, visit the article of *The Battle of Mahakam*.

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